

Web Bulletin Board for Students

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1. Web Bulletin Board

1.1 Outline

The Web Bulletin board is a system with electronically unified authentication specially built for instant information delivery to students.

It enables students to access from outside campus to check information on "Class Cancellations", "Class bulletin board", or "Announcement bulletin board". Moreover, with the section of "My Schedule", it is possible for students to confirm their registered class information as well as to manage their schedule by registering personal events in the system.

Because of its digital content, visually impaired students can check the information with a screen reader. In addition, these digital notices allow students to search their necessary information easily.

In case of announcements or posters that are prepared outside the university and cannot be posted on the Web Bulletin Board, they will be posted on the hallway bulletin board in each area or on digital bulletin boards.

*Once a notice has been posted, the University of Tsukuba considers that students received the information. For this reason, students do not have the right to object later with the reason that they did not see the notice. Therefore, please do not forget to check the Web Bulletin Board at least twice a day (in the morning and evening etc.)

1.2 Basic Function & Structure

- In the initial screen (before log-in), "Notices to Current Students" and "Class Cancellations (for 8 days including the current day)" can be seen.
- After log-in, the notices can be found by accessing through the portlet of "What's New (displaying new announcements from each notice board)", "MY Schedule", "Bulletin Board", "Reference of Class Cancellation and Make-up Class", etc.
- On the page of "Newly Arrived (that can be found in the subcategories of Bulletin Board)", announcements can be searched by keywords. In addition, on the page of "Bulletin Board (with a search icon)", it is possible to search for a specific notice by specifying the genre.
- By using Unified Authentication System, students can confirm their registered

class schedule as well as add their personal events in it.

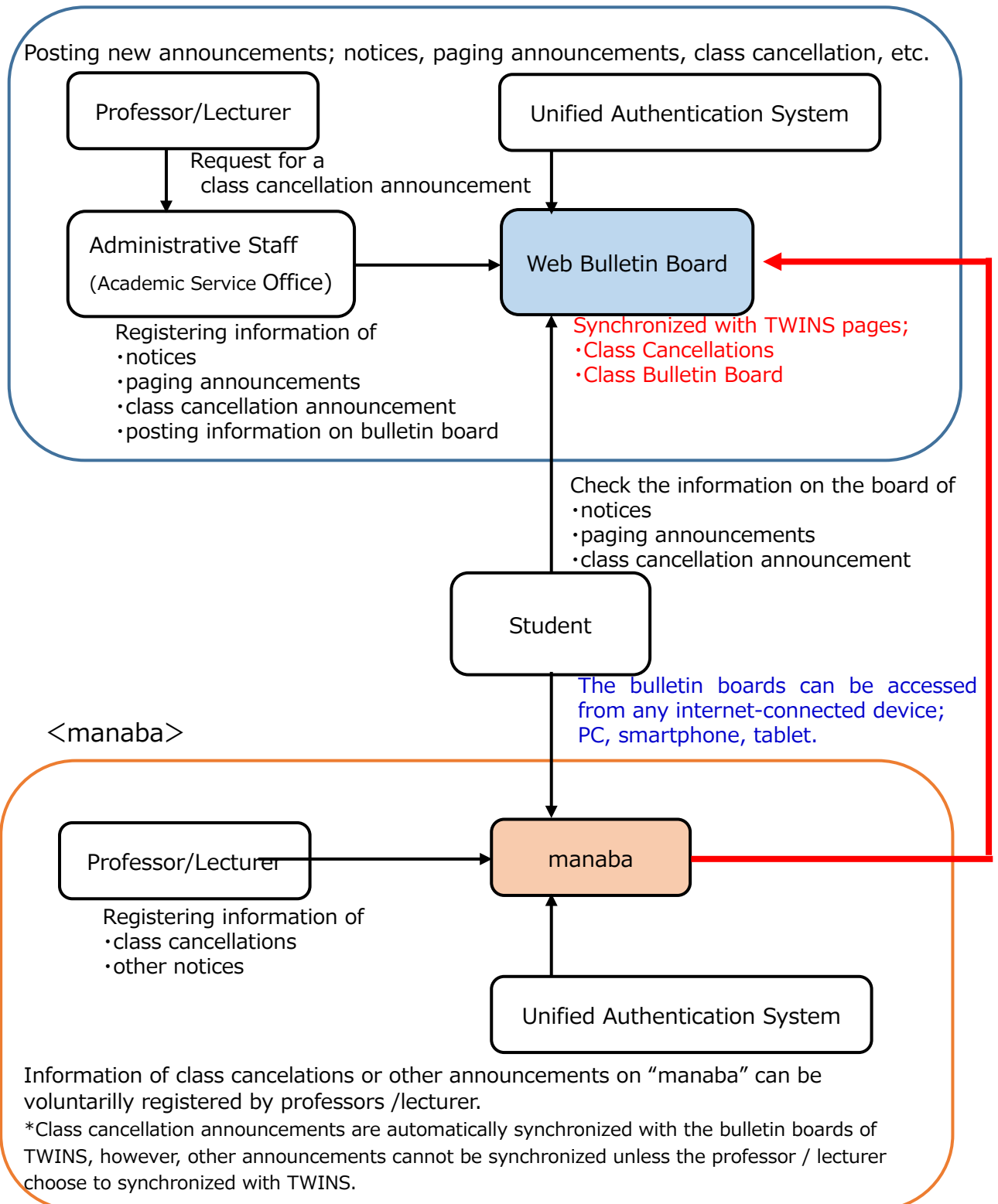
- This system is also connected with “manaba”, thus “Course News (showing cancelled class information, or other notice)” posted on “manaba” can be seen in the pages of the Bulletin Board; “Reference of Class Cancellation and Make-up Class” and “class bulletin board”.

*The information regarding class cancellations can always be seen in the Bulletin Board, however, other notice posted on “manaba” cannot be seen unless the instructors set them to synchronized with TWINS.

2. System Outline

Image chart of using Web Bulletin Board and “manaba”

<Web Bulletin Board>



3.How to check WEB & Smartphone ver.

3.1 Screen after Logging into TWINS

Select the icon “Bulletin Board” on the top bar.

The screenshot shows the TWINS web interface. The top navigation bar has several icons, with the 'Bulletin Board' icon highlighted by a red box. Below the navigation bar, there are sections for 'What's New', 'My Schedule' (showing a calendar for October 2022), and 'Information' (containing notices about TWINS and KdB inactivity periods).

*You can also access from “Campus Web Tools” on the official website of the University of Tsukuba.

(Top page > CAMPUS LIFE > Campus Web Tools > TWINS / Web Bulletin Board)

3.2 TWINS for Mobile Web

The screenshot shows the TWINS mobile web interface. The top navigation bar has several icons, with the 'Bulletin Board' icon highlighted by a red box. Below the navigation bar, there are sections for 'HOME', 'Student Info', 'Course', 'Grade', 'Schedule', 'Enquete', 'Bulletin Board', and 'Tab14'. The 'What's New' section shows 'No data available for display.' and the 'My Schedule' section shows 'Nov 2022'.

4. Available Functions & Screen Guide

4.1 TWINS-Login Screen

The following notices can be also checked on the login screen.

① **“Notices to Current Students”**

*Click information on the left windows to display full details. (①-2)

② **“Class Cancellations”** (8 days' worth of data, including that day)

③ **“Information”** (Information regarding system maintenance will be displayed)

4.2 How to Login to TWINS

Enter your ID number for the username, and for the password enter your password for the Unified Authentication System password, then click on the “Login” button.

If you do not know your password, visit an Academic Computing and Communications Center or the Library, and ask them to reissue it. (Please bring your student ID card.)

After login, go to the Web Bulletin Board clicking “Bulletin Board” on the home screen (*see 3.1 Screen after logging into TWINS)

4.3 Notice Windows (portlet) after Logging-in

Pages after logging into TWINS show the following notices windows;

① What's New

<Bulletin Board>

The messages of "Bulletin Board" are displayed when a new notice is under the genres of Classes, Paging, Notice from Schools and Colleges, News from University (Internal Use Only), News for Current Students.

<Cancellations & Make Up Class>

The messages of "Cancellation & Make Up Class" is displayed when your registered class in cancelled and its information has been posted.

② MY Schedule

Schedule of the current day is displayed.

*This window is not displayed on the page of those who are enrolled in Business Sciences (Tokyo Campus).

③ Notices to Current Students

The same content as that of Notices to Current Students in the initial screen (Log-in screen) will be displayed.

*It is possible to do a keyword search using the search box located on the upper screen (see ④ below). Select type of bulletin board between "Announcement bulletin board" and "Class bulletin board", and enter the keyword in the textbox.

Notices related to the requested condition will be displayed.

The screenshot displays the TWINS portal interface for the University of Tsukuba. The top navigation bar includes icons for HOME, Course, Grade, Student Info, Schedule, Enquire, Bulletin Board, Achievement Assessment, and 移行. Below this, there are several portlets:

- ① What's New:** A section titled "What's New" with a sub-header "Newly Arrived". It contains a search box with a dropdown menu set to "Announcement bulletin board" and a "Search" button. A red box labeled "4" highlights the search box.
- ② My Schedule:** A calendar view for October 2022, showing class periods. A red box labeled "2" highlights the calendar.
- ③ Notices to Current Students:** A list of notices with titles and counts, such as "授業 (主としてmanaba (コースニュースからのお知らせ)) /Classes (23)", "学生呼び出し/Paging (0)", "在学生へのお知らせ/Notices for Current Students (52)", etc. A red box labeled "3" highlights this list.
- ④ Search:** A search box within the "Newly Arrived" section, highlighted by a red box labeled "4".

4.4 Bulletin Board(Class / Announcement bulletin board)

1. Class bulletin board (Notice on Classes)

- ① Allows you to see notices issued for the classes you registered.
- ② Allows you to see the Course News (Other information) on “manaba” as they share the same data source.

2. Announcement bulletin board (by categories)

① Paging

When the Academic Service Offices need to talk to a particular student(s), a paging notice will be posted and the applicable student(s) can check the content of the message. This message cannot be seen by others.

② Other genres

The notices are classified by its content into each genre and information can be found in the category. If a notice was sent to limited recipients, non-applicable students cannot see the notice.

*New information for each genre of bulletin board is displayed up to 5 cases. The display period of new notices is 7 days including the posted day.

To see past notices, click “READ MORE” displayed on the right side of the screen.

3. Bulletin Board (with the magnifying glass icon) Screen

- ① The number of notices in each genre of the bulletin board is displayed.
- ② By Clicking a genre of the bulletin board,
all the notices registered under the selected genre is displayed on a list.

The search box displayed on the upper screen enables users to make a keyword search (see ③ below). Compared to the simple search function, various conditions can be specified in the detailed search.

The search conditions “Only unread”, “Keiji (Bulletin board) type”, “Title”, “New registration”, “Notice Period”, “Posted On” can be selected or specified, and by clicking the search button, the notices that match the requested conditions will be displayed.

The screenshot shows the Bulletin Board interface. The top navigation bar includes icons for HOME, Course, Grade, Student Info, Schedule, Enquete, Bulletin Board (highlighted with a red box), Achievement Assessment, and 移行. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is divided into several sections:

- What's New:** You got new information. You have 1 questionnaire(s).
- My Schedule:** A calendar for October 2022 showing dates from Sun to Sat.
- 2022/10/28(Fri):** A list of current events:
 - 1st Period: English Presentation Skills II
 - 3rd Period: Calculus A
 - 4th Period: Calculus A
 - 5th Period: Introduction to Content Application
 - 6th Period: Introduction to Content Application
- Notices to Current Students:** A list of notices with dates, such as "芸術専門学群の応募要件科目等の記載に関する修正について" (2022/4/18) and "【社会学類】社会学類生対象モバ/バイロバッテリーの貸出" (2022/4/18).
- Display Information:** A section for displaying information, including a link to "前へ" and "掲載案内本文".
- [Bulletin Board] > Bulletin Board:** A search interface with the following options:
 - Search notice:** A search box.
 - Enter search conditions:**
 - Only unread:** A checkbox with the text "※Search for own unread notice only." (circled with ③).
 - Keiji type:** A dropdown menu set to "class bulletin board".
 - Title:** A text input field with "※ Match partially" next to it.
 - New registration:** A text input field with "※ Match partially" next to it.
 - Notice Period:** Two dropdown menus for "From" and "To".
 - Posted on:** Two dropdown menus for "From" and "To".
 - Search:** A button to execute the search.
 - List of genres:** A table showing the number of notices for each genre (circled with ①).

Genre	Number of Notices
Class bulletin board	-
授業 (主としてmanaba (コースニュースからのお知らせ)) /Classes	23
Announcement bulletin board	-
学生呼び出し/Paging	0 (0 unread)
在学生へのお知らせ/Notices for Current Students	52
大学から学生へのお知らせ (学内専用) /Internal Notices for Current Students (Internal Use Only)	9
所属組織からのお知らせ/Notice from Schools and Colleges	4
学群授業に関するお知らせ/Notice about Undergraduate Courses	61
大学院授業に関するお知らせ/Notice about Graduate Courses	1
期末試験、遠征、レポート/Final Exam./ Make-up Exam./Reports	2
資格取得に関するお知らせ/Notice about Acquisition of a Qualification	39
学生支援に関するお知らせ/Notice about Student Support	18
外国人留学生へのお知らせ/News for International Students	3
科目等履修生、研究生へのお知らせ/News for Credited Auditors and Research Students	0
落し物情報/Lost and found	9
事務からのお知らせ/Announcement from Academic Service Office	0

4. Cancelled Classes and Schedule

① Schedule Management

The registered class schedule and canceled class information can be viewed. Also, the schedule registered by users is displayed.

*Students enrolled in Business Sciences (Tokyo Campus) will not see this screen.

The screenshot shows the 'Schedule Management' page. The 'Schedule' menu item is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a calendar for October 2022. The calendar shows class times for various courses, with some cells containing course names like '2nd: Basic German A1'. The interface includes navigation buttons for 'prev', 'next', and 'Display on a Weekly' view.

② Cancelled and Make-up Classes

The cancelled class information can be viewed in a table or a list format.

Displayed information can be narrowed down to only registered classes or to a certain period. It is also possible to select a specific class by entering the class number and name.

The screenshot shows the 'Reference of Class Cancellation and Make-up Class' page. The 'Schedule' menu item is highlighted with a red box. The main content area displays a table of cancelled classes. The table has columns for 'Date', 'Period', and 'Course Name'. The table shows cancelled classes for various dates in October 2022, such as 10/28 (Fri) and 10/29 (Sat). The interface includes filters for 'Course-hour type' and 'Display all data', and buttons for 'class change', 'class cancellation', and 'make-up class'.

Reason of Class Cancellation : (A) school affairs, (B) illness, (C) transportation delay, (D) official trip, (E) others	class offered (initial state)	classroom change	class cancellation	make-up class			
<<<Month <<Week <Day <<< 2022/04/22 - 2022/04/28 >>> Day> Week>> Month>>>	4/22 (Fri)	4/23 (Sat)	4/24 (Sun)	4/25 (Mon)	4/26 (Tue)	4/27 (Wed)	4/28 (Thu)
1st Period							1st Period
2nd Period	32HG012 Markus Rude Basic German A1 Details						2nd Period
3rd Period							3rd Period
4th Period					31HG052 梅田 有美 English Reading Skills I		4th Period
5th Period							5th Period
6th Period							6th Period
	4/22 (Fri)	4/23 (Sat)	4/24 (Sun)	4/25 (Mon)	4/26 (Tue)	4/27 (Wed)	4/28 (Thu)